

12TH DEC 2021
1 COR 12:12-27
SID GRINDLEY

Welcome

Ministry team

Senior Pastor-Interim:

Sid Grindley

Korean Pastor:

David Choi

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Arthur Chan

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Emma Ridley

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The body of Christ

Paul's vision of the body of Christ is of a unity which consists in diversity, that is, a unity which is not denied by diversity, but which would be denied by uniformity, a unity which depends on its diversity functioning as such – in a word the unity of a body, the body of Christ.
James D.G. Dunn

As we finish this short series on metaphors of the Christian church we look at the "Body of Christ" a concept that Paul explores in a number of well known passages – 1 Cor 12; Eph 4; Romans 12. Paul makes it clear that one of the defining indicators of the Body of Christ is the need for absolutely unity in the midst of great diversity. This finds expression within the context of the local church, but importantly, also within the broader framework of the universal Christian Church which finds expression in a wide variety of different traditions and practices all centred around the Lordship of Christ and Word of God revealed in the Bible. This diversity, as Dunn writes, is not a weakness, a flaw, but an expression of the broad expanse of Almighty God – indeed diversity is far more vital than uniformity which is more often to be found in religious cults.

Blessings,
Sid

English Service in-person & Livestreamed at 10am:
Access via our website
www.carlingford-baptist.org

Dates for your Diary:	
Carols in the Park Boronia Park, Epping	TODAY from 5pm
Carols & Nativity Service & special morning tea	19/12 10am
Christmas Day Service	25/12 9am

Mission Spot -

A big thank you from our various mission partners. Over recent weeks I have had the privilege of catching up one-on-one over coffee with some of our mission partners – all of which expressed their genuine appreciation for the support of CBC – as well as discussing further opportunities to strengthen our mutual relationship:

Open Doors: Jordan Scott – with the commencement of a new youth service in 2022, under the leadership of David Chang, it is hoped that Open Doors can particularly build some worthwhile connections with our youth and young adults and expose them to the breadth of mission enterprises explored by Open Doors

Baptist World Aid – Australia: Nathan Reid – the Cambodia partnership continues to allow BWA-A to build meaningful connections with those local partners in Cambodia and see lives changed. Nathan will visit CBC in the first half of next year.

MAF: Mike Swanson – we connected by phone and Mike wanted CBC to know how they valued the MAF Father's Day support. He indicated that a praise point for MAF has been the consistent support from supporters and donors that has led to the construction of two new hangers in Queensland. International flights are now up to 60% of pre-pandemic levels. Please pray for God's provision as they look for new team members across different fields.

HELP: I had the privilege of meeting up with David for coffee and he, like our other mission partners, expressed his deep appreciation to CBC for it's communal support, but also for individual support and encouragement over many years. He values our ongoing prayer for wisdom as the organisation faces various challenges around ongoing concerns with Covid, their plans to develop a fish farm, and the need to increase teachers salaries.

Sid



Church News

2022 Pastoral arrangements

We are pleased that following recent discussions with Sid and Arthur that they have each been led by God to extend the time of their current ministries at Carlingford into 2022. They will continue to work with David Choi as our Pastoral Team and also with our children's worker, Emma Ridley as well as our new interim Youth and Young Adults worker, David Chang. We are grateful that God has given each of them gifts to lead and teach. As we look to 2022 please uphold each of our pastors and workers in prayer as they serve God in this way and thank God for their ministries.
Sylvia, Amy; Jason and Alan

CBC Christmas Appeal BWA – Afghanistan Crisis

Decades of a refugee crisis have resulted in nearly six million Afghans forcibly displaced from their homes. The Taliban's recent takeover of the government has severely compounded the crisis, forcing hundreds of thousands to flee from their homes and tens of thousands in need of urgent humanitarian assistance. Baptist World Aids response is to meet the immediate needs of displaced families in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Their local Christian partners are poised to provide critically needed emergency supplies including monthly food aid, blankets, mattresses and plastic sheets for winter protection. CBC is running a Christmas appeal for BWA for the situation in Afghanistan that will run until the end of January.

Please prayerfully consider what you might be able to give to help this crucial work. To give please Scan this QR code for our Giveaway account or go to: <https://carlingford-baptist-church.giveway.org.au/baptist-world-aid-christmas-appeal-hope-for-afghanistan>



Looking for a gift that gives twice?

Go to the Baptist World Aid Australia website to order gifts from the BWA Big Hearted Giftstall!
<https://baptistworldaid.org.au/faith-in-action/big-hearted-gifts/>



CBC Offerings:

Direct Deposit: Account held with Baptist Financial Services

Account Name: Carlingford Baptist Church
BSB No: 704-922, No: 100016526 or
Giveaway Link: Go to bit.ly/CBCgiveway



December Prayer Theme - God is with us

As we drive around we see the Christmas lights on many houses. A suggestion when you see those lights, reflect on the following verses from John 1- "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him..."
As we prepare for Christmas this week our prayers might focus on the true light, Jesus. We may ask that God will prepare each of us for Christmas and that we recognise Christ is with us. Pray God will help us reflect the Light to the world at this Christmas time.



CAROLS IN THE PARK 2021

THIS EVENING—Boronia Park Epping
Food stalls from 5pm, Carols at 7:15pm
Fireworks at 9pm. For the Carols Song book and more details go to:
<https://carolsinthepark.mystrikingly.com/>



A HUGE THANK YOU for the wonderful response to ANGEL TREE this year.

We bought 20 gifts posted/delivered to children on behalf of their parent in prison and raised \$1740 for Prison Fellowship to send 4 teenagers to Easter camp where they will hear the message of Jesus through Christian youth leaders at Camp Toukley. Please continue to pray for this special ministry. Heartfelt THANKS, Marg Gourlay.



HELP Fundraiser A BIG THANK YOU

to all those who gave so generously to the Samaritan Children's Home HELP Bangladesh. Together we raised \$8230 to help with the financial stress due to the Pandemic.



Want to share the good news of Jesus with

local kids? We'd love to train some new SRE teachers & helpers. Contact Emma for more info.



CBC Roster

	12th December 2021	19th December 2021
Welcomers	Joy & David Arnold	Joy & David Arnold
COVID Warden	Don Mathewson	George Cini
Prayer	Betty Moore	TBC
Bible Reading	Wendy Hatton	TBC
Offering Count	Carol Hu/David Tan	Lindsay Casey/Ken McGill
Livestream	TBC	Tim Ridley
Sound	Kim Poon	Brendan Ridley
AV	Milton Purkiss	Melody Wong
Other		Flowers: Cathie Blissett

Church Family Prayer

Stuart & Jan Pittendrigh,
Kim, Carmen, Rachel &
Chloe Poon,
Ayda Pourghaedi.

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